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As a small business consultant I have virtually no choice but to rely on Microsoft products for many applications despite their high cost and security weaknesses. Their only real competition in the OS marketplace are open-source projects like Linux, Apache and SAMBA.

I was disturbed to discover that no consideration of those products was made in the proposed settlement. Please consider revising Section III(J)(2) to provide protection for those products, and products like them by requiring that Microsoft APIs MUST be licensed, documented at least 180 days prior to being revised. The current language, especially in section (C) undermines the progress of legitimate competitors to Microsoft because they are not owned by a for-profit entity.

Thanks
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